## PRAYER FOR A NEW CHILD

As a new father, what is the most important thing I could do for a new child?

The most important thing you could do for your new child (who is God's special gift to you) is to dedicate your child to God. This dedication can be done in your home. Include in your prayer that God would cut off the iniquities and any generational sinful influences and for wisdom to raise the child in the way God would have him/her to go. Just follow the following steps:

- a. Get alone with God and ask Him to reveal any ground in your life that has not been given to God and tear down every stronghold of Satan that is still standing. Ps. 66:18 says if I regard any iniquity in my heart, God will not hear my prayer. Acknowledge the specific iniquity. For help in how to pray, read Daniel's prayer in Dan. 9:3-19.
- b. Ask God to cleanse the iniquity in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- c. Ask God to reclaim any ground given to Satan and tear down every stronghold.
- d. Claim Psalm 103:17 that from now on the righteousness of your family will be your heritage for your children and for future generations. Also commit this great verse to memory.
- e. Here is a sample prayer:

"Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I come to you desiring my child to be free from all generational sins, iniquities, and curses and their results that may have been passed upon my son/daughter. I thank you for saving me and cleansing me of my sin. I confess that I belong to you, and I dedicate my son/daughter to you. Lord, I pray that he/she will receive you as his/her Savior at an early age. Place within his/her heart a desire to follow you all the days of his/her life. Keep him/her pure and willing to wait until you reveal your life partner for him/her in your perfect will. If it is your will for him/her to be married, I ask that you would set apart for yourself a life partner for him/her and that she/he would keep herself/himself pure. I now confess and repent of all my sins, known and unknown. I now confess the sins of my forefathers. In the name and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, I ask you to break and I renounce the power of all generational sins, iniquities, and curses that were passed down to me by the sins or actions of others. I now renounce and ask you to break and loose me and my family from all demonic subjection that would seek to influence or control me or my family in any way contrary to the Word or will of God. I claim release and freedom through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Now that you have dedicated your son/daughter to God and broken all generational sins, one of the most powerful weapons that you have as a father is to pray a daily hedge of protection around each of your family members. Job did this, and Satan complained about its effectiveness against him. Job 1:10

"Heavenly Father, I ask you in the name and through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to bind and rebuke Satan and to put a hedge of protection around me and each one in my family. 'Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you (us) will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ' (Phil. 1:6). In the name of Jesus Christ our Shepherd, Amen."